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Members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education:

In cooperation with Bozeman area Legislators, Bozeman Public Schools formally requests consideration of the following projects for the Legislature's consideration under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act as allocated to the State of Montana. We have reviewed the language in the Act and believe that the projects requested meet the criteria established for employment and facility projects that will stimulate the economy.

Bozeman High School Auditorium (\$12,000,000)

In 2006 the Bozeman Community approved a bond initiative for renovation and reconstruction of Bozeman High School to meet the needs of growth in student population projected in the Long Range Facility planning process. Voters approved \$36 million for the renovation, which originally included the construction of an auditorium/performing arts center that would be attached to the high school building. This was intended to provide educational opportunities to Bozeman High School students in performing arts, music, dance, theatre, and drama instruction similar to other large high schools in the State. Bozeman High School is the only large high school in the State of Montana without an attached auditorium. Additionally, the Bozeman community and surrounding Gallatin Valley has a strong commitment to the performing arts through the symphony, opera, ballet, and community dance and theatre organizations in which current facilities available are so overscheduled that all requests for use cannot be met. Due to the cost of the building environment the auditorium was removed from the renovation project. Nonetheless, we have continued to plan for an eventual auditorium. We have completed a schematic design and are under contract with a company that specializes in auditorium programming. Funding for this project is unknown at this time. The estimated amount needed to complete the project is \$12,000,000.

Replace Bozeman High School boiler (\$300,000)

Existing Bozeman High School boilers are 50 plus years old. The boilers that serve the North portion of the building are included in the current renovation project. However, the boilers that service the South portion of the building are not included. They are all obsolete and in disrepair.

Bozeman High School – Energy Retrofit of Instructional Area (\$200,000)

Existing structure is uninsulated masonry construction. This project would install an envelope insulation system for much-improved energy efficiency.

Roof and fascia replacements (\$730,000)

Several roofs throughout the District have been in service for 20 plus years and are failing. These projects will also allow for the improvement of the insulation value of the building.

- Bozeman High School (\$275,000)
- West Willson School (\$220,000)
- East Willson (\$235,000)

Replace Spalled Concrete and failing sidewalks throughout the District (\$325,000)

This project would allow the District to repair areas that are quickly becoming safety hazards. It will also allow repair of some structural issues for District buildings.

- Bozeman High School (\$150,000)
- Willson School/Emerson (\$105,000)
- Whittier School (\$55,000)
- Longfellow (\$15,000)

Upgrade Bozeman High School Vocational Education Areas (\$200,000)

Replace/improve utility services to classroom areas, update information technology services, install energy improvements to envelope and lighting, address code/life-safety deficiencies, repair finishes.

Subgrade and repave failing asphalt areas throughout the district (\$300,000)

- Bozeman High School south oval and southeast parking lot (\$125,000)
- Morningstar play area and loading dock (\$140,000)
- Longfellow parking lot (\$35,000)

Pave Ferguson Avenue (\$200,000)

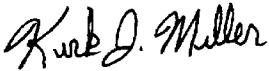
The school district recently built a new Middle School. There are unfinished items for this project as a result of lack of money. The School District is responsible for the paving of Ferguson Avenue, which runs on the East side of the school.

Replace Willson School Windows (\$295,000)

Existing windows are original single-pane, metal-frame without thermal breaks. Operating hardware is obsolete and in disrepair. This project would replace windows with insulated glass and frames, providing improved energy efficiency and a maintainable installation.

We are providing this list at your request to do our part to stimulate the Montana economy with school projects that meet community needs, create greater safety and energy efficiency for years into the future. Each of these project are shovel ready to be accomplished under the criteria of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Thank you for your attention to our requests.

Respectfully,



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